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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Herod; McCluskie Sen. Moreno; Rankin	Bill Status:	House Appropriations
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Bill Topic: **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING DEADLINES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill updates deadlines for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to contract with a vendor and to implement behavioral health crisis training. The bill may impact state expenditures in the current FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2021-22 supplemental budget package.

Summary of Legislation

The bill updates various deadlines for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to contract with a vendor and implement a statewide training on a comprehensive care coordination and treatment model. Specifically, the bill:

- removes the deadline for contracting with a vendor (January 1, 2022, under current law);
- requires case-management agencies, mental health centers, and other program-approved service agencies in the state to nominate providers to participate in the model training designed and provided by the selected vendor within 60 days of a vendor being selected (rather than by March 1, 2022, under current law); and
- requires participating providers to complete the training within one calendar year of the vendor being selected (rather than by March 1, 2023, under current law).

Background

House Bill 21-1166 required and provided funds to HCPF to contract with a vendor to provide training by January 1, 2022. HCPF issued a solicitation for a vendor from September 27, 2021, through October 6, 2021, and received no responses. HCPF will need to reissue the solicitation.

State Expenditures

The bill removes the deadline for HCPF to contract with a vendor. Depending on when HCPF contracts with a vendor, state expenditures will decrease in the current FY 2021-22 for as long as a vendor is not hired. Any unspent appropriations will revert to the General Fund. In addition, because the bill puts a new deadline to complete the training by one calendar year after the nomination of a provider, some costs from FY 2021-22 may be shifted into FY 2022-23. The fiscal note assumes that any change in appropriations, if needed, will be handled through the annual budget process.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

Joint Budget Committee